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SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300, Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting
February 7, 2013

Commission Members Attending

Chairman John Finan
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-chair
Ms. Natasha Hanna
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson (phone)
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Admiral Charles Munns
Ms. Leah Moody
Mr. Kim Phillips
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Rodney Smolla (phone)
Mr. Hood Temple
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

Staff Attending

Ms. Julie Carullo, Acting Executive Director
Ms. Laura Belcher
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Elizabeth Caulder
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Mr. Rick Moul
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Trudy Norton
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Catherine Team

Guests

Dr. Michael Amiridis, University of SC
Ms. Lisa Bartanus, Piedmont Technical College
Mr. Josh Black, Piedmont Technical College
Dr. Carolyn Britten, Medical University of SC
Dr. Ray Brooks, Piedmont Technical College
Ms. Paige Childs, Piedmont Technical College
Ms. Marilyn Deberry, Allen University
Mr. Rusty Denning, Piedmont Technical College
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, University of SC
Ms. Kathy Gardner Jones, University of SC
Mr. Reginald Greene, Southeastern Institute
Ms. Tara Harris, Piedmont Technical College
Dr. Charles Harrington, USC Upstate
Ms. Cindy Hauck, Piedmont Technical College
Dr. Dori Helms, Clemson University (phone)
Mr. Wesley Hickman, University of SC
Mr. Asher Hines, Southeastern Institute
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (phone)
Mr. Keith Lasure, Piedmont Technical College
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges
& Universities
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Ms. Tara McNeely, The Citadel
Dr. Scott Mason, Clemson University
Dr. Harris Pastides, University of SC
Dr. Dennis Pruitt, University of SC
Mr. Kasin Ransikarbum, Clemson University
Dr. Kenneth Reifsnider, University of SC
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Ms. Maggie Slimmer, Piedmont Technical
College
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University
Mr. Trey Walker, University of SC
Ms. Shelline Warren, Allen University
Mr. Bill Whitfield, Piedmont Technical College

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

- Courtney Blake

Ms. Blake introduced the guests in attendance as listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

- John Finan

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2013, CHE meeting.

3. Presentations

A. Special Recognition: Piedmont Technical College, 2013 Community College Futures Assembly Bellwether Award winner in Planning, Governance, and Finance category

B. Dr. Harris Pastides, President, University of South Carolina

C. SmartState Centers of Economic Excellence Endowed Chairs

- Arik Bjorn

Dr. Kenneth Reifsnider, USC, Solid Oxide Fuel Cells Center

Dr. Scott Mason, Clemson, Supply Chain Logistics Optimization & Logistics Center

Dr. Carolyn Britten, MUSC, GI Cancer Diagnostics Center

Commissioner Munns provided information about the 2013 Bellwether Award, a prestigious national award for innovation in teaching and education. He introduced Dr. Ray Brooks, President of Piedmont Technical College who in turn recognized each of the other Piedmont Technical College (PTC) representatives in attendance. Dr. Brooks then presented additional information about the LEAN initiative and how its implementation at Piedmont has helped the college reduce costs and increase efficiency and productivity on their campus. Details about this presentation may be found in **Attachment I**. In closing, Mr. Bill Whitfield, Chairman of the PTC Area Commission, highly commended the LEAN initiative and all those involved in it, noting its very positive impact on the college's students as well as on the communities surrounding it. In response to Commissioner Munns' question about how CHE might assist in spreading the word about the success of implementing LEAN in higher education, it was noted that PTC representatives would coordinate with Commissioner Horne in this regard.

Dr. Harris Pastides, President of the University of South Carolina, provided information on two of the university's newest initiatives, *SC Palmetto College* and *On Your Time Graduation*. After introducing his USC colleagues also in attendance, Dr. Pastides stated that *SC Palmetto College* will provide the opportunity for more of the state's citizens to earn a bachelor's degree via online education. He stated that the *On Your Time Graduation* initiative will offer more flexibility in terms of the time it takes to earn a bachelor's degree in that it re-engineers the academic calendar to offer an additional semester during the summer months of each calendar year. Dr. Pastides then introduced Dr. Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Dean of the USC College of Arts & Sciences, who provided details on the development of this initiative as well as on the process underway to implement it on the campus level. Dr. Fitzpatrick reported that essential components of the initiative, scheduled to begin in Summer 2013, are to make sure that a full range of core general education courses are offered as well as courses that are feeder courses into majors. In addition, a business institute will be offered for non-business majors. With regard to finances, Dr. Pastides noted that the charge for attending this summer semester will be less than it is for the fall or spring semesters. He also pointed out that summer semester attendance will allow students more flexibility with regard to any fall or spring internships they may be interested in pursuing.

In response to Commissioner Munns' question about what CHE might do to help coordinate and/or advocate for this initiative, Dr. Pastides provided information about and requested CHE support for a proposed proviso which will allow for distribution of the state lottery-funded scholarships over the fall, spring, and summer semesters as opposed to the current mandated practice which allows for distribution only in the traditional eight fall and spring semesters. Chairman Finan reported that, in an effort to be assistance, CHE is currently in the process of bringing together a working group of college and university representatives who will examine various aspects related to this proposed proviso, among them the relation to federal financial aid requirement and annual state funding requirements. Dr. Helms encouraged the CHE to look at the distribution of scholarships in terms of credit hours enrolled as opposed to semesters and years. She also mentioned faculty human resources as another aspect to be examined by the institutional working group. Commissioner Vaughn inquired about the possibility of and advocated for the coordination of both *Palmetto College* and *On Your Time* with the K-12 education sector. Brief discussion followed about how both these initiatives may become accessible to high school students. In response to Commissioner Horne's question about whether statewide collaboration was considered with regard to bringing forth the strongest programs to be offered through Palmetto College, Dr. Pastides responded that initially students will not be able to major in humanities or languages and the initiative is starting by offering programs that lead to jobs such as criminal justice, business, teacher certification, elementary education and human services. Dr. Amiridis noted that the degrees to be earned through Palmetto College are already offered by the USC system and that available degrees would be from USC Columbia and also USC Upstate, Beaufort, and Aiken.

Mr. Arik Bjorn provided remarks about as well as a brief presentation the background, history, and composition of the SmartState program which supports research-driven economic development partnerships between state government, universities and industry. He explained that the program has thus far resulted in \$1.4 billion in new investment for the state as well as the creation of more than 8,000 jobs. A copy of Mr. Bjorn's presentation as well as other details about the SmartState program may be found in **Attachment II**.

Mr. Bjorn introduced Smart State Endowed Chairs, Dr. Kenneth Reifsnider, Dr. Scott Mason, and Dr. Carolyn Britten individually. Each Chair provided highlights about his or her Center of Economic Excellence as listed in **Agenda Item 3 C**. Details may be found in **Attachments III, IV, and V**. Chairman Finan then thanked the chairs for their presentations and applauded them for their outstanding work.

4. Chairman's Report

- John Finan

Chairman Finan reported that he and Ms. Carullo had presented the Professor of the Year Award to the two 2013 Governor's Professors of the Year, Dr. Robert Jesselson of the University of South Carolina and Mr. Joshua Castleberry of Central Carolina Technical College. He stated that these professors will be recognized on March 7 at the State House, at the CHE meeting, and at a luncheon in their honor. Chairman Finan then commented on information posted on the University of Phoenix website which may be perceived as a partnership with the state. He clarified that this in no way represents a contract between the state and this institution and that the University of Phoenix is simply offering a 10% discount to South Carolina's state employees. Discussion followed about how the information might easily be misconstrued as a state endorsement. Chairman Finan reported that details about this recently discovered matter will continue to be explored and monitored appropriately. Chairman Finan also reported on the status of the request for additional funding of the SC National Guard College Assistance Program (SCNG CAP) for FY 2013-2014. He stated that he and CHE staff are working with the National Guard officials and that a task force has been developed to examine the status of the program and the various aspects of this request. Reports on the progress of their work will be delivered to the CHE as it becomes available.

5. Report of the Acting Executive Director & Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo referred to several documents which were distributed to Commissioners: 1) Talking points about the SCNG CAP; 2) CHE's FY 2013-14 Budget Priorities Summary; and 3) a copy of S.266, a joint resolution concerning accountability-based funding for public colleges and universities. Ms. Carullo provided details about each of these documents, copies of which may be found in **Attachments VI, VII, and VIII**, respectively. She reported on the activities of the House Ways and Means Committee and stated that the Senate Finance Higher Education Budget Subcommittee was developing its schedule for hearings of higher education entities to be held in late-March to early-April. She also noted the development of the task force of institutional representatives to study the proposed proviso related to the lottery funded scholarships referenced earlier in the meeting during Dr. Pastides' presentation. With regard to S. 266, Ms. Carullo reported that a hearing was anticipated by the Senate Education Higher Education Subcommittee during the week of February 11. She also provided information on other proposed legislation including S.93, which relates to discharged members of the military and resident versus non-resident tuition levels; and H. 3016, which pertains to dual credit for high school students. In addition, Ms. Carullo described a bill related to changes to the math and science enhancements of the Palmetto Fellows and LIFE scholarships, and a bill which would amend provisions for free college tuition for persons sixty years of age and older to include those persons sixty and over who are employed.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- John Finan

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee has met on Thursday, January 31, in preparation for this CHE meeting.

6.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Rose Horne

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. Commissioner Horne circulated among the Commissioners a greeting card of sympathy to be sent to the family of former CHE staff member, Dr. Michael Raley, who recently passed away.

6.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Hood Temple

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services.

6.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Bill Scarborough

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. Coastal Carolina University | - | Singleton Building Renovation |
| | - | Science Annex II Construction |
| 2. Greenville Technical College | - | Greer Campus Land Acquisition |

B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for January 2013

Commissioner Scarborough reported that at its meeting earlier in the morning, the Committee on Finance and Facilities had decided to withdraw from the **Consent Agenda, Agenda Item 6.04 A.2**, the interim capital project from Greenville Technical College because anticipated additional information on that project had not yet been received. He then stated that the Committee on Finance and Facilities brought as a **motion** to the full Commission **Agenda Item 6.04 A.1**, details about which may be found in **Attachment IX**. The **motion** was then voted on and **carried**.

Commissioner Scarborough reported that **Agenda Item 6.04 B**, details about which may also be found in **Attachment IX**, was provided for information only.

7. Executive Director Search Committee Update

- Bettie Rose Horne

Commissioner Horne stated that the Search Committee would be meeting at 1:00 p.m. after the CHE meeting today to consider and interview by Skype four prospective candidates for the position of CHE Executive director.

8. Other Business

Ms. Carullo reminded Commissioners to RSVP to Ms. Rogers with regard to their attendance at the March 7 Professor of the Year Luncheon. She also reminded Commissioners that the deadline to submit their Statement of Economic Interests form to the SC Ethics Commission is April 15, 2013.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Finan adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I-IX)

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.